Doubling of Mangalore-Shornur rail line

751. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how much work on the doubling of the Mangalore-Shornur rail line is completed; and

(b) by when the work is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) The doubling of following sections of the Mangalore-Shornur rail line have been completed.

1. Calicut-West Hill
2. West Hill-Elathur
3. Quilandi-Tikkotti
4. Ullal-Netravathy
5. Kasargod-Kumbla-Uppala
6. Payyangadi-Payanur-Charavattur

(b) The work is expected to be completed by 31.12.2003.

Renewal of unsafe tracks of South Central Railway

752. DR Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the action taken to renew the unsafe tracks of South Central Railway during the current budget to reduce the chances of rail accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): There is no unsafe track in South Central Railway. However, track is being renewed on programmed basis as and when it becomes due for renewal subject to availability of funds. During the current financial year, it is planned to carry out rail renewal of 336 km and sleeper renewal of 272 km of track.